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APPLICANT(S): Hammond *et al.*
SERIAL NO.: 09/543,188 EXAMINER: Zachariah Lucas
FILING DATE: September 10, 1998 ART UNIT: 1648
TITLE: PRION-BINDING LIGANDS AND METHODS OF USING SAME

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NOTICE OF APPEAL

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the January 28, 2003 Office Action finally rejecting claims 1, 2, 5, 7-14 and 16-29 in the above-identified application. A check in the amount of \$160.00 for filing this appeal is enclosed herewith, as required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(b).

Applicants file herewith a petition for a three-month extension of time for extending the time for responding to the Office Action. With the extension, the Notice of Appeal is due on or before June 28, 2003.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 18242-5-7. A duplicate copy of this Notice is enclosed.

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